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SUBJ: CANADIAN PRESS REPORTS OF CIA LINK TO 1972 BOMBING

1. THE CANADIAN PRESS CONTINUES TO CARRY STORY OF ALLEGED CIA LINK TO 1972; CUBAN TRADE MISSION IN MONTREAL. OTTAWA JOURNAL OCT 7 FRONT PAGE STORY DATED WASHINGTON, CITING CONGRESSMAN DELLUMS STATEMENT RELEASED BY AN AIDE, NOTES THAT RCMP MAY HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH CIA ON THE BOMBING, WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN DIVERSION FOR THE TWO AGENCIES TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE BUILDING. RCMP INVOLVEMENT IS A FEATURE NEW TO THIS STORY. DELLUMS' AIDE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT SEVERAL CUBANS LIVING IN NORTH AMERICA PLUS CANADIANS AND AMERICANS WERE INVOLVED IN THE BOMBING ALTHOUGH HE STRESSED THAT NO ASSURANCE THAT THE CHARGES CAN BE FULLY SUBSTANTIATED. THIS UNNAMED AIDE, ACCORDING TO THE STORY, SAID HE HAD LEARNED THAT CIA NOT OFFICIALLY SUPPOSED TO OPERATE IN CANADA BUT QUOTE THEY CAN BE PRESENT IN VARIOUS GUISES END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ITEM CONTINUES TO GET PROMINENT PRESS PLAY, THIS PRESUMABLE DUE, IN PART, TO FACT THAT CIA ALWAYS MAKES GOOD COPY HERE. REPORTS TO DATE HAVE BEEN BASED ON INFORMATION FROM DELLUMS' OFFICE WITH VERY LITTLE CANADIAN CONTENT. WE ASSUME, THEREFORE, THAT MEDIA LIFE OF THIS WILL DEPEND ON DELLUMS' OFFICE OR HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE ABILITY TO PROVIDE SUBSTANCE. LAST YEAR MACLEAN'S MAGAZINE CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON GENERAL SUBJECT CIA, INCLUDING THIS INCIDENT.

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